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SUBJECT: SIAD CLEBRATES FIFTH YEAR IN POWER

1. SUMMARY: SOMALIA CELEBRATED FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF SIAD REGIME ON OCTOBER 21ST IN SOMEWHAT LOWER THAN NORMAL KEY WITH MILITARY/CIVILIAN PARADE, VISITS OF A FEW FOREIGN DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING A GROUP FROM ETHIOPIA'S AFCC, AND A MAJOR SPEECH BY SIAD DEVOTED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY TO INTERNAL ISSUES. MOST SIGNIFICANT FEATURE OF LATTER WAS SIAD'S PROMISE TO ESTABLISH A POLITICAL ORGANIZATION--PRESUMABLY A NATIONAL PARTY--"EARLY NEXT YEAR". SIAD ALSO PROPOSED MEETING WITH LEADERS OF NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES TO DISCUSS COMMON PROBLEMS. END SUMMARY.

2. OCTOBER 21ST CELEBRATION IN MOGADISCIO BEGAN WITH CUSTOMARY MORNING PARADEWHICH WAS MADE UP PRINCIPALLY BY CIVILIAN MARCHERS, BUT ALSO INCLUDED MILITARY EQUIPMENT, BUT IN LESS NUMBERS THAN IN YEARS PAST. MILITARY HARDWARE INCLUDED T-34'S, UNCLASSIFIED

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ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS, AND FLY-OVER BY MIG-17'S AND

TWO MIG-21'S. ETHIOPIAN AFCC DELEGATION WAS SEATED IN PLACE OF HONOR ON REVIEWING STAND NEXT TO SIAD.

3. ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION WAS LED BY CAPTAIN ADDIS TEDLE, WHO BROUGHT MESSAGE FROM GENERAL AMAN CONCERNING STRENGTHENING SOMALI-ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS. AFCC GROUP MET FOR HOUR AND HALF WITH PRESIDENT SIAD ON EVENING OF OCTOBER 21ST. ALSO PRESENT AT OCTOBER 21ST CELEBRATION WAS YAR DELEGATION, LED BY MINISTER OF COMMERCE SULTAN AL-QUASHI; AND BURUNDI GROUP HEADED BY ASSISTANT MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS KARENZO GASPARD.

4. IN ANNIVERSARY SPEECH WHICH SIAD TAPED FOR RADIO DELIVERY, HE DESCRIBED SUCCESSES AND FAILURES OF REGIME OVER PAST FIVE YEARS; HE CLAIMED GS DR HAD MADE GAINS IN LIVESTOCK AND AGRICULTURAL SECTORS ALTHOUGH INDUSTRIAL GROWTH HAD SLACKENED IN RECENT YEARS. HE ADMITTED THAT DIVERSIFICATION OF EXPORT COMMODITIES NOT YET ACHIEVED, AND THAT MARKETING OF BANANAS AND LIVESTOCK EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTIES. HE CLAIMED EMPLOYMENT INCREASED RAPIDLY IN MOGADISCIO AND ELSEWHERE. MARD HAD DOUBLED, IF NOT TREBLED, SINCE 1969.

5. REGARDING INTERNAL POLITICS, SIAD SAID ERADICATION OF INJUSTICE, CORRUPTION, AND TRIBALISM, TOGETHER WITH ACHIEVEMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY, HAD BEEN HIS MAJOR GOALS SINCE 1969. ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THESE GOALS, HOWEVER, STILL REQUIRES MORE POLITICAL AWARENESS BY THE MASSES. HE SAID THAT OUTSIDE SKEPTICS HAD QUESTIONED ABILITY OF SOMALI SOCIETY TO TRULY UNDERSTAND SCIENTIFIC SOCIALISM, AS WELL AS SOMALIA'S RECONCILIATION OF ISLAM AND SOCIALISM. SIAD DESCRIBED SOCIALISM AS SCIENTIFIC APPROACH TO THE ELIMINATION OF PARASITIC CLIQUES WHO LIVE ON SWEAT AND TOIL OF OTHERS. TO FULLY ACHIEVE SCIENTIFIC SOCIALISM, SOCIAL REVOLUTION WOULD PASS THROUGH THREE PHASES; FIRST, MOBILITY FOR OF THE MASSES, FOLLOWED BY THE ELIMINATION OF "NOXIOUS CAPITALIST UNCLASSIFIED

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ELEMENTS" AND FINALLY CREATION OF ORGANIZATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR A SOCIALIST ECONOMY. HE SAID ORGANIZATION OF SINGLE PARTY WAS NOT AN EASY TASK--IT REQUIRED ORGANIZATION OF MASSES, SELECTION OF LEADERS, AND GRASS ROOTS POLITICAL IMPLEMENTATION. HE RECALLED THAT HE'D PROMISED TO ESTABLISH A POLITICAL ORGANIZATION, AND DESCRIBED HIS INTENTION TO CARRY OUT THIS DECISION "EARLY NEXT YEAR".

7. SIAD REFERRED ONLY BRIEFLY TO FOREIGN POLICY
ISSUES. HE SAID IT WAS UNFORTUNATE THAT DIFFICULTIES
EXISTED BETWEEN SOMALIA AND ITS NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES,
BUT THAT DESPITE SUCH MISUNDERSTANDINGS THEIR

COMMON INTERESTS REQUIRED AN ON-GOING DIALOGUE.
HE PROPOSED TO THE LEADERS OF
SOMALIA'S NEIGHBORS THAT
THEY HAVE TALKS WITH EACH OTHER AND ASKED THEM TO
EXAMINE HIS PROPOSAL IN DEPTH.
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